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1. WE UNDERSTAND ALLIED INTEREST IN MAKING CLEAR THAT
TEXT APPLIES ONLY TO US AND SOVIET GROUND FORCES. THERE-
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FORE WE CAN ACCEPT THE UK AND FRG AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED

IN REF A.

2. THE EXCEPTION LEVELS (20,000 AND 5,000) DO APPLY TO US POST-REDUCTION NEEDS. AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 2, F, REF B, IF THERE ARE CONTINUING SOVIET MILITARY REQUIREMENTS WHICH THIS MEASURE DOES NOT MEET, THAT SHOULD PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR THE SOVIETS TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATION OVER STABILIZING MEASURES.

3. THE 5,000 FIGURE WAS DETERMINED BY ESTIMATING THAT FUTURE US REQUIREMENTS TO EXCEED POST-REDUCTION GROUND FORCE MANPOWER LEVELS SHOULD INVOLVE CONTINUATION, WITHOUT CONSTRAINT, OF CURRENT TROOP REPLACEMENT PRACTICES, TDY AND LEAVE POLICIES AND SMALL SCALE TRAINING EXERCISE.

4. THE 20,000 EXCEPTION LEVEL WOULD PERMIT THE US TO CONDUCT A LARGE SCALE EXERCISE ALONG THE LINES OF REFORGER EXERCISES. INGERSOLL

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